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(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

**AB-034A3-2A**

## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Janusz A. Kuzma, entitled Method of Making a Cochlear Electrode Array Having Current-Focusing and Tissue-Treating Features for a(n):

( ) Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

( ) Continuation (X) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior Application No. 09/375,424, filed on 8/17/1999.

Enclosed are:

(X) Application Data Sheet 2 Total Sheet(s).

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(X) Specification; 31 Total Pages + cover sheet.

(X) Drawing(s); 13 Total Sheets of formal drawings + 13 Total Sheets of copy of drawings.

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(X) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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